to core sector consumers mainly power utilities.

(c) and (d). Representations have been received from various Associations, including the Coal Consumer's Asociation of India regarding enhanced supply of coal to consumers both in core and non-core sectors. Coal companies have been asked to step up supplies to all the consumers. Movement of coal to cement industry is monitored at the highest level on daily basis, alongwith power and steel. With respect to non-core sector industries coal companies have been advised to supply at least 50% of the linked quantity of coal to them, either by rail or by road.

Import of Life-Saving Drugs

4468. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of life-saving drugs in which India is self-sufficient;

(b) the names of life-saving drugs being imported and the countries from where such import is made;

(c) the number of regional health centres that are having sufficient life-saving drugs; and

(d) the measures proposed to be included in the Eight Plan to give rural people a better access to the drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZER (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). Indigenous production is capable of meeting about 70% of the demand in respect of the essential bulk drugs and almost the entire demand of formulations. Saome of the important drugs which are being imported are Vit. A, Dexamethasone, Furasolidone, Verapamil, Dypridamol, Famotidine etc. which are being imported from Switzerland, Germany, China, Spain, Italy etc.

(c) and (d). According to the information received from the Ministry of Health, purchase of medicines is made by the State authoriteis according to their requirements under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme from the funds allocated to them directly by the Planning Commission, and that the details of the 8th Plan are yet to be finalised.

[*Translation*]

Development of Cities of Maharashtra

4469. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharastra has sent any proposal for additional Central assistance for the development of cities;

(b) if so, the name of such cities; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). A request was received from the Government of Maharashtra in October, 1991 for inclusion of 14 towns namely:-

	Name of Town (District)
1.	Buldhana (Buldhana)
2.	Hingoli (Parbhani)
3.	Chaliagaon (Jalgaon)
4.	Savner (Nagpur)